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Emeriti Luncheon - October 19, 2023

The Emeriti Association has scheduled an in-person luncheon meeting for October

Location: Athens Country Club, 7606 Country Club Rd, Athens, OH 45701

Date & Time: Thursday, October 19, 11:30 AM

Luncheon will be Buffet style:

- Lasagna
- Salad
- Bread and Beverages

Cost: \$23 per person. Please have exact dollar amount at the door or a check made payable to the **OU Emeriti Association**.

Luncheon reservations are required: Reservation deadline is noon on Thursday, **October 12**. Early reservations are encouraged. RSVP by sending an email to Tom Franz <franz@ohio.edu> confirming your reservation(s).



Emeriti Association Vice President **Marty Tuck** announced that the speaker will be **Holly Dallman**, Director of the **Little Wing Relief Works** <https://littlewingrelief.org/> a humanitarian group that sends shipments of food, medicine, toys, baby supplies etc. around the world to countries in need. They have been heavily involved in supporting the people of Ukraine with their needs during the war.

Notes from the September meeting

At the September 14th luncheon, the Association recognized the 28 newest Ohio University Emeriti who were awarded that status by the Ohio University Board of Trustees during the 2022-23 academic year. (see the list in last month's **Emeriti Notes**) Six of the new Emeriti were able to join us for the luncheon.

Vice President Marty Tuck reported that 24 Emeriti volunteers heavily supported the Dairy Barn with its recent Quilt National exhibition. He also noted that a multi-color Beech tree is being planted in memory of the late Emeriti Vice President Scott Moody. Contributions to the memorial are still being received by the Association.

Tuck also reported that a fund raiser is being held for the Ohio University Press on October 1 from 2 to 5 PM in the Zenner House, 30 Utah Place. Register at <http://engage.ohio.edu/site/Calendar?id=111462&view=Detail> (Note: the engage.ohio website link is not https compliant. Your web browser may issue a warning.)



The speaker for the luncheon was **Dr. Lori Stewart Gonzalez**, the 23rd President of Ohio University. In her remarks, Gonzalez mentioned all the emails she received from alumni and others stating that Ohio University is a "special place" and a "can do" campus.

In the next year, she sees a need for "setting some big strategies for the campus". "We need families to think 'I need to send my students to Ohio University' and if we can get them here, they fall in love with the campus ... added to that the learning and doing model." She noted we just became a Research I university, important because in a time with declining student demographics, "the schools that will be left standing are those with a wonderful undergraduate experience and engaged in research at a high level".

She also stressed the need to "lead in and do more about community involvement" in Athens and the surrounding counties. We "graduate more physicians than any other school in Ohio from our campuses in Athens, Dublin and Cleveland". She noted that this past May, forty percent of our graduates had some kind of health background, staying in the region and the state. She also mentioned "paying the last dollar" for area students eligible for Pell grants. "That means they can come tuition free". She also noted a continuing need to focus on "the world of work" in the way of meaningful experiences and internships for students.

Searches will begin this Fall for "two pivotal positions on the leadership team", the Vice President for Research and the Executive Vice President - Provost. For planning, she stated that her conversations with vice presidents and faculty groups have been, "Let's decide what size we ought to be and then for retention make sure for every student that comes, we have the resources to keep them in school" and on to graduation.

She noted that "higher education is the answer to many of the problems in our world". "When we graduate students who are active citizens in their community, who believe they have the responsibility to make their community better, we are paying forward into our future".

New Emeriti at the September luncheon with University President Lori Gonzalez

Dušan Šormaz, Tyrone Carr, President Gonzalez, Pamela Beam, John Schlabach, Dominique Duvert



Answers from AI, (as powered by Google)
Why are 9 volt batteries hard to find?



Battery makers are running out of volts, so putting more than 1.5 V into a battery is hard, hence fewer 9 V batteries

(Editor's note: You thought I was kidding but that was indeed the "snippet" chosen by Google's AI as the most suitable answer to that inquiry, quoting Quora. AI is only as good as its database. Apparently it could also use some critical thinking and peer review!)